Obituaries

Ray W. Almond

Ray Welford Almond, 49, of Route 3, Appomattox, died Thursday morning in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of Ava Davidson Almond and the late Algie W. Almond. He was a sawmill operator.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Thelma Lucado Almond; a son, Steven W. Almond of Appomattox; a daughter, Mrs. Cindy A. Watson of Appomattox; a grandson, Michael S. Watson of Appomattox, and two sisters, Mrs. Rachel Stanley and Mrs. Alice Faye Thomas, both of Appomattox.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday from Robinson Funeral Home by the Revs. Earnie W. Lucas and Robert E. Lee, Jr. Burial was in Old Herman Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Those wishing to make memorials are requested to consider the Appomattox County Rescue Squad.

Thomas E. Branch

Thomas E. Branch of Route 2, Box 57, Concord, died Thursday in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, he was the son of Mrs. Mary Moore Branch of Concord and the late Josephus Branch. His wife is Mrs. Odell C. Branch. He was a member of the Peaceful Grove Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by two sons, William Coleman and Charles Branch, both of Lynchburg; a daughter, Miss Angela Branch of Concord; two brothers, Harry Branch and Samuel L. Branch, both of Philadelphia; three sisters, Mrs. Katherine Shepherd of Newark, N.J., and Mrs. Mae Davis and Mrs. Lillie Summerville, both of Philadelphia; three grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 4 p.m. in Peaceful Grove Baptist Church with the Rev. Hiram Payne officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Valley Church Cemetery.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

William T. Coleman, Sr.

William Thomas Coleman, Sr., 72, of 1608 Del Mar Drive, Charlottesville and formerly of Appomattox, died at his home June 3, 1980. He was born in Lynchburg on August 25, 1907 son of the late Joseph Witt and Ruth Brown Coleman. A retired employee of the Lynchburg National Bank, he was a member of the University Baptist Church; Class of 1929 University of Virginia and a member of the Thomas Jefferson Society of Alumni; the ATO Fraternity. He is survived by his wife; Anna Robeson Coleman of Charlottesville, one daughter; Mrs. Vernon Moore of Richmond, one son; William T. Coleman, Jr. of Honolula, Hawaii, two sisters; Mrs. Ruth Morrissett of Lynchburg, Mrs. Flora Abbott of Clifton Forge, three brothers; Wirt H. Coleman of Richmond, Joe W. Coleman of Rocky Mount, N.C. and Dr. Ashby Coleman of Altavista. Six grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted at 2:30 p.m., Friday in Springhill Cemetery, Lynchburg, with Rev. Richard E. Myers officiating. The Joseph W. Teague Funeal Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sidney E. Higginbotham

AMHERST - Sidney Edward Higginbotham of Route 5, Amherst, departed this life Saturday in Lynchburg General Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Sally Morris Higginbotham; two children, Michael and Wanda Higginbotham; three brothers, Sammy Higginbotham, Myers Higginbotham and Rady Higginbotham, all of Amherst; and four sisters, Mrs. Christine McCoy of Concord, Mrs. Helen Thompson of Amherst, Mrs. Juanita Morris of Lynchburg and Eleanor Higginbotham of Chester, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel of Wright's Funeral Home by the Rev. J. L. Sandidge. Interment was in the Christian Aid Cemetery.

Mrs. Gertie Morris

Gertie Morris, a former resident of Gladstone, departed this life May 31 in Philadelphia.

Survivors include a son, Clinton Morris of Gladstone, and a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Burton of Philadelphia.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at the Second Mineral Springs Baptist Church by the Rev. Robert McCray. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Wright's Funeral Home, Amherst, was in charge of arrangements.

Sam Stevens

Sam Stevens of 322 Polk St., Lynchburg departed this life June 3, 1980 in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Synata Paige Stevens.

He is survived by a son, Samuel Stevens, Jr., and two daughters, Ernestine Grace Stevens and Mrs. Flossie S. Barbour, all of Lynchburg; a devoted daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jimmie T. Stevens of Lynchburg; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

David Scott Ward

David Scott Ward, 73, of Route 4, Appomattox died in the University of Virginia Hospital on May 31, 1980. He was a retired employee of the Prince Edward Academy, and a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Free Union, Virginia. He is survived by his wife: Beulah Brooks Ward of Appomattox, two sisters; Mrs. Evie Garrison of Charlottesville, Mrs. Irene Maupin of Free Union, 2 brothers; Aaron L. Ward of Lynchburg, Reginald Ward of Alexandria and 4 grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 31 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Rev. A. W. Hinton and Rev. George Reynolds officiated, with interment in the Mt. Moriah Church Cemetery, White Hall, Virginia. The Joseph W. Teague Funeal Home was in charge of arrangements.

Rocks news

By CASSIE BALDWIN

June 9 - We hear a lot about sales now days. Maybe it is a junk sale, bake sale or an attic sale. Anything to make a few bucks on Saturday morning. If they are yard sales they are labeled that way. If the time is 9 a.m. Get there to get the pick.

This community was saddened over the weekend when news came of the death of Mrs. Ruth H. Watson of Hollywood. She was the wife of Mr. Larry Watson. She was buried Monday morning June 2. Our sympathy goes out to the Watson family.

Luann Crain was among the twenty-two 4-H'ers who won a trophy in the 4-H Dog show last week.

Mary Ann Lewis was among the number to represent Appomattox at a convention in Richmond Friday and Saturday.

A number attended the Elijah W. Farrar funeral at Robinson Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon. Sympathy is extended Mrs. Farrar and children and other relatives.

Glad to know Mrs. Cora Bucknam is at her home from Southside Hospital of Farmville.

Children are all excited about school being out.

A large number attended the graduating exercises at Appomattox on Friday night.

Lloyd Richardson got his arm hurt in a lawnmower accident recently. Better be careful with them.

Glad to know Mrs. Carey Elder has returned home from the hospital much improved in health.

B. T. Almond is not doing so well. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Farmers are still planting tobacco and cutting hay.

It was quite windy here over the weekend.

The club had its June meeting at the extension office on Thursday night.

Sorry to hear John Kent Hamilton of Evergreen is not so well. Hope he may be out and around soon.

Mrs. Rachel Robertson is doing better.

Rev. and Mrs. William Trimyer left Sunday for the Southern Baptist convention in St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Christine Ranson and sister Louise were in Lynchburg last Thursday.

The Laura Lee Stewart group will visit the nursing home at Keysville on Tuesday night.

It was good to see Glen Morris at church Sunday after getting his back hurt. Hope he will soon be well and in perfect shape.

Kevin Ranson has chicken pox.

Congratulations to Mrs. Carrie Richardson who won the birthday cake over WTTX on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Mary Dickerson of Bedford spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Ray Thompson of Farmville.

Mrs. Florence Adkins of South Carolina was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge on Thursday night enroute to Chicago to see her children.

Rev. W. H. Elder was welcomed to the pulpit at Rocks on Sunday for both services. He brought a fine message each time.

There's a place for each one at the organizational meetings on Wednesday night.

Sunday is Father's Day.

Doug Webb and Sheila Franklin will be married here in the church on June 14, at 11 a.m. and Timmy Guill and Teresha Holt will be married here on June 14 at 3 p.m.

No Training Union on Sunday night. VBS will begin here on Sunday night at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for all ages. Make plans to come through Friday night.

Ronnie Richardson arrived Saturday morning from Blacksburg for the summer.

Vera church to have donut sale

The Vera Church of God will be selling Dunkin Donuts in front of Kings Market on Saturday, June 14.

All the proceeds will go for the building fund. Also, on June 21, the church will be having a yard sale in the Farmers National Bank parking lot.

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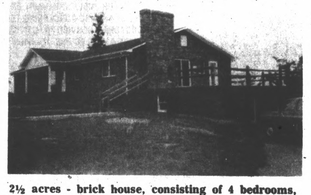

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Appomattox watershed: victim of budget cuts?

By BILL SHERROD

The destructive forces of Mother Nature are sometimes irresistible, such as in the recent debacle at Mount Saint Helens in Washington state.

More often, man copes with nature's anomalies -- floods, hurricanes, hail storms and droughts -- with the degree of ingenuity that distinguishes him from the other species in Mother Nature's realm.

Appomattox County and the town of Appomattox are currently involved in planning a watershed project to protect against one of nature's more common quirks: flooding.

The Upper Appomattox River Watershed Association actually consists of representatives from this town and county, as well as the town of Farmville, and the counties of Cumberland, Buckingham and Prince Edward.

Three soil and water conservation districts -- Robert E. Lee, Peter Francisco and Piedmont -- are also working toward developing a watershed system for the Appomattox River and its tributaries.

The watershed association was formed eight years ago, after multi-million-dollar property losses caused by floods in 1971.

In 1972, even greater damage was caused by floods following Hurricane Agnes, which occured almost eight years ago to the day, on June 21.

To date, ten sites suitable for flood-control structures have been chosen in the 200,580-acre watershed area. Five of these sites, on which dams and lakes would most likely be built, are in Appomattox County. A sixth is partially in Appomattox and partially in Buckingham.

According to Appomattox Town Manager Bill Britton, a watershed project would provide potential benefits to the town and county other than the obvious ones of erosion and flood control.

"The lakes would provide an alternative source of municipal water," according to Britton. "If our wells ever went dry and we weren't able to find another suitable well site, a lake could be used as a municipal water supply."

Britton is quick to add, however, that use of a watershed impoundment as a municipal water supply would be a "last resort" move. "We will continue to use well water as long as it's there to be used. Water from a reservoir has to be treated, and would cost more than the well water," he says.

Watershed impoundments could also be used for recreational purposes, according to Britton. While the planning process has not reached the point where any concrete prediction of the lakes' sizes can be made, they could be as small as 30 acres or as large as several hundred acres, according to Robert McClenny, of the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District here in Appomattox.

McClenny, who has worked very closely on aerial mapping and other phases of the watershed planning, says the project would be federally funded. In the event that Appomattox or Farmville wanted to use a watershed impoundment as a secondary municipal water supply, the town would have to foot the bill for any alterations to an existing lake that might be necessary.

McClenny notes that the town could, if it so desired, elect to purchase the land on which the lake is located, or just buy the right to use the water.

Otherwise, ownership of the lake would revert to the owner of the land covered by the water. "Historically, the landowner has donated the land to the (watershed) agency while the lake was being built, then after the impoundment is filled ownership reverts to the landowner," according to McClenny. The watershed agency does retain an easement which allows it to maintain the lake.

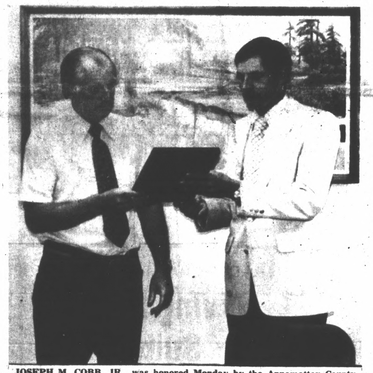
McClenny approaches the prospect of an Appomattox River watershed with cautious enthusiasm. "Right now, watershed funding is being drastically reduced in the federal budget," he notes. McClenny says the failure of the Titon Dam, which burst and flooded a watershed area in the midwest, has had a "very negative impact" on hopes for future watersheds across the nation.

"I've been told by a man from the Environmental Protection Agency that we're now at 'the bottom of the barrel,'" according to McClenny.

He adds that each watershed project funding application has approximately 40 agencies to pass through for review, and each of those agencies has a given amount of time to hold or "sit on" the application.

"And on top of this, construction costs escalate with the time that lapses between application and when the actual building starts, McClenny adds. "But with these negative aspects, the Appomattox project still has "several things going for it," according to McClenny.

"There may be obstacles and bottlenecks to overcome, and we may be facing environmental budget restrictions, but the local interest is strong, and the persistent will prevail," he says. "If we continue to have a (national) watershed program, then I feel the Appomattox project will be carried out."



JOSEPH M. COBB, JR., was honored Monday by the Appomattox County Department of Social Services upon completing his four-year term as a member of the Board of Public Welfare. Cobb, a former member of the County Board of Supervisors, was cited for his desire to "create and promote belief in the worth and dignity of mankind," and to "enhance the physical, emotional, economic and social welfare of the citizens" of Appomattox. Here he is shown being presented with a certificate of appreciation from Richard Robinson, a member of the Board of Public Welfare (Photo by Bill Sherrod).

COVER GIRL--Susan Porton, former resident of Appomattox and daughter of Ann N. "Mickey" Porton of Appomattox, was chosen as the "cover girl" for Lynchburg's Closer Look magazine in their anniversary issue last month. This was the "centerfold" photo in the magazine, one of six which were published of the pretty Lynchburg resident. (Photo by Larry Peters).

Supervisors sign jail contract

By BECK HUDSON

The contract for J. E. Jamerson & Sons, Inc. to begin construction of a new county jail was signed Friday by Dr. S. R. Lawson, chairman of the county board of supervisors.

Grading has already started at the construction site.

The county's former jail was closed last year by the State Department of Corrections because the facility had become outdated. Appomattox, since that time, has used the jail in Charlotte County and on occasion the Prince Edward County jail to accomodate prisoners.

The new jail contract sets the cost at $414,655, but as construction progresses the cost is expected to drop between $16,000 and $18,000 with numerous deletions that have been approved by the department of corrections.

Architect Hal Craddock discussed with board members some items that will save them money as the building of the jail gets underway.

Board members did not require a bond, saving $2600 on this item alone. Other deletions include raising some footings, a saving of $1800; modifying the drain system, $1500; door hardware and fixtures, $1000; changing water line from copper to plastic, $575; using cinder block in place of vinyl for showers, $700; electrical lighting fixtures, $3000; residential type dishwasher as opposed to commercial-type, $700; using residential-type oven as opposed to a commercial-type, $950; and other miscellaneous items, none of which are mandated by the State Department of Corrections, will bring the total savings anywhere from $16,000 to $18,000.

The cost figure does not include television sets.

Lawson said he would "never be in favor" of having the county supply the new jail with television sets for the inmates, but he might favor them if provided by the state or families of inmates.

The new jail will be funded by the county, with a $25,000 grant from the State Department of Corrections. No state or federal funds are involved.

County supervisors adopted a $6.1 million budget for 1980-81 at the Friday meeting.

There will be no change in the current county real estate or personal property taxes.

The budget, as adopted, contains a 7.5 percent across-the-board salary increase for all county employees and no tax increase of any kind.

The largest portion of the budget, $4.5 million, will be used for operating the public schools in the county. Included in this portion of the budget is a salary increase of seven percent for teachers.

The new fiscal year begins July 1 and the budget was adopted after a public hearing was conducted by the board on the proposed budget on June 2.

The county's real estate tax rate stands at 60 cents per $100 of the assessed evaluation. The personal property tax rate is $3.50 per $100 of assessed evaluation.

William R. Britton, Jr., Appomattox town manager and special projects assistant to the board, told the supervisors that the Appomattox Town Council plans to construct a lagoon-type regional waste water system and that council has decided to locate it on Continental Can land approximately 1000 feet downstream from a site that had been considered. This notification was required by law.

The Appomattox County Overall Economic Development Plan has been approved by the U. S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, according to Britton. Loans and grants will be available to help stimulate growth and economy in the county.

In other business, Dan Herncall was appointed to replace Mr. Charles R. Perkins as Chairman of the Appomattox Overall Economic Development Plan Committee.

The board heard a report from the Appomattox Planning Commission on the request to review Poff Construction's proposal for 48 low-income apartment units in the county. The request was denied as the county can not furnish sewer for such a complex.

Glenda Gwen Guthrie was appointed to the position of Juvenile Deliquency Prevention Specialist effective immediately. The position was approved through November 1 of this year and will be funded through grant money.

Bobby Waddell, representing the Appomattox County Young Farmers Association, appeared before the board to discuss complaints filed after the 4-wheel-drive pull and the tractor pull held here recently.

This event first started in 1978 and is sponsored by the Appomattox County Young Farmers Tractor Pullers, Inc. The last event attracted approximately 1150 persons.

Lawson told Waddell that they had been asked to stop the events following an outbreak of violence at the recent 4-wheel-drive pull, but the supervisors would rather help this "worthwhile organization" in any way that they could.

J. Franklin Vaughan, board member, and W. S. Kerr, attorney for the county, will meet with Waddell and his committee to work out any problems concerning health and safety.

Lawson asked that the Sheriff's department be notified two weeks prior to these events so that proper police protection could be provided and that spectators be seated away from the "pit" area. The county already has an ordinance that prohibits public drinking and this law will be enforced.

Waddell told the board that his organization would like to have a tractor pull the last week-end in July and a 4-wheel drive pull the first week end in August.

Lawson said that the board could possible grant a permit for these events at the July board meeting if Vaughan and Kerr had met with his committee and presented the request to the board.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

With or without fanfare, a parade and a welcome committee, Summer arrives Saturday. So be it. Appomattox is fortunate to be in a moderate temperature area and we do not catch too many weather extremes. Let us hope this summer will not be too dry, that bugs and gnats will go on a diet, and gardens will be productive.

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July 4 comes on a Friday this year, so there will be a long holiday weekend. That means many holiday trips and lots of traffic. Most likely I will spend that weekend on Martha Street, meditating upon the glories of Independence and the beauty of Old Glory.

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In last week's column I discussed pocket watches and how seldom we see one today. Replies came in. Linwood Paulette phoned in that he has a rare one. Moser Covington showed me an Illinois pocket watch. Several others reported having pocket watches and slacks with watch pockets. Others had memories of the era before wrist watches took over. I have an inexpensive pocket watch. Runs all right but only when in a flat position. Maybe someday will find a fob to go with it. To broaden the discussion let us ask what you do with wornout alarm clocks? I have several and save them for no reason except maybe that it is a shame to waste time. Same for an old mantle clock that will never run again.

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A valued reader, Mrs. Bruce E. Cowan, has sent me a copy of The Inkslinger, the splendid literary magazine of Appomattox County High School. Poetry and articles by talented students. And the art work is of outstanding quality. Here's a salute to a phase of student activity with which the public is not fully aware and we wish continued success to this endeavor. The May 1980 issue is Volume I.

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The daylily is in bloom and adorns many yards and roadsides. I was standing alongside a cluster of daylilies in my yard when a large butterfly came up. Ignored me and I counted as the hungry butterfly had a gourmet banquet of nectar from. I counted, fourteen flowers. Knew precisely where the nectar was to be found, and when gorged sailed off majestically in the general direction of Evergreen.

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Ah yes, always interesting goings-on outdoors. Within minutes, I counted two squirrels, one rabbit, three robins and 26 blackbirds.

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Summer reading. Ever a good subject, Napoleon. Am in the midst of "Paris During the Consulate" by Madame Junot. One sentence quote ..." found myself much in the situation of Noah's dove, without a place of rest for my foot."

Highway workers have been resurfacing and remarking traffic lanes on Confederate Blvd. through town and looks nice, rides nice and is nice.

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Thanks for reading. See ya around.

School board to meet

The Appomattox County School Board will meet Wednesday, June 25 at 3 p.m. in the school board office.

The board is scheduled to review the summer recreation program, as well as the remedial education program for the coming year at the meeting.

A proposed insurance package for the school system will also be discussed at the meeting.

Employee evaluation procedures will also be discussed at the meeting.

In addition, the regular financial and activity reports will be reviewed.